

## **The Medical Supported Community Living (MSCL) Pilot Program**

### **The Current Service Issue**

Individuals with chronic or long-term medical care needs that require ongoing support often experience difficulty in having the opportunity to live in the community due to the complexity of their care. In a certain subset of this population with medical needs, 24-hour nursing supports are necessary. However, these individuals want to live in the community in a more typical residential setting with access to activities they enjoy and resources more typical to these in everyday life.

### **The Pilot Scope**

The pilot program operated by Charles Lea Center in partnership with the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN), is designed to support individuals who have chronic and/or long-term medical care needs that require ongoing support with a primary focus on managing those medical needs. Each home is specifically designed to accommodate the medical as well as accessibility needs of each individual. No more than four (4) individuals will reside in any given location where intensive medical supports are required.

The homes are located in the community in natural neighborhoods that allow the individuals to have full access to their community. A unique feature of the program is that each home will have 24 hour nursing supports available in the home allowing individuals to receive appropriate routine medical support in their homes. In addition, each individual will have access to a nurse practitioner who is part of the Charles Lea Team. The nurse practitioner will be available for home visits and office visits to provide acute care and early intervention to consumers and provide consultation to the nurses. Another feature of this program is that the day supports are blended with the residential supports and operate out of the home. This approach provides greater flexibility in scheduling and supports to accommodate the day to day routines of each individual. The homes are also licensed as a Community Training Home II (CTH-II) by DDSN.

A new payment level will be established for these services.

### **The Pilot Monitoring**

The pilot homes will be monitored through Charles Lea Center staff supervision in collaboration with regular meetings with DDSN Executive staff. DDSN District I, with support from DDSN Central Office, will monitor the implementation and ongoing operations of the pilot. Key features will be reviewed and the progress and satisfaction of the individuals will be reported. The Health Risk Screening Tool (HRST) will also be used to monitor the health risks of the individuals included in the pilot.

### **The Pilot Evaluation**

Costs as compared to Regional Center rates, effectiveness of the pilot to support individuals who have chronic and/or long-term medical care needs with 24-hour nursing supports, efficiency and

satisfaction of the individuals will be evaluated through reporting to DDSN Executive Staff through collection of data over time.